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Kentucky Winter Wheat Production Forecast down 5 percent from 2014

Kentucky farmers expect to harvest 34.3 million bushels of **winter wheat** during 2015 according to the Kentucky Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The expected crop for 2015 would be down 5 percent from the previous year. The forecast was based on crop conditions as of June 1 and increased 4 percent from the May forecast. Growers expect a yield of 73.0 bushels per acre, up 2.0 bushels from 2014 and up 3.0 bushels from May. Farmers seeded 620,000 acres last fall with 470,000 acres to be harvested for grain. Acres for other uses totaled 150,000 acres and will be used as cover crop for tobacco or cut as silage or hay.

As of May 31, winter wheat was rated 1 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 16 percent fair, 59 percent good and 20 percent excellent.

Winter wheat production for the **Nation** was forecast at 1.51 billion bushels, up 2 percent from the May 1 forecast and up 9 percent from 2014. Based on June 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 44.5 bushels per acre, up 1.0 bushels from last month and up 1.9 bushels from last year. The expected area to be harvested for grain or seed totals 33.8 million acres, up 5 percent from last year.

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